

Members of the Louisiana Delegation



Joseph Accardo, Jr.
Executive Director of the Port of South Louisiana

Joseph Accardo, Jr. is "of counsel" to Accardo Law Firm, L.L.C. He is not currently in active practice with the firm. Joe was born 1938 in St. James Parish, Louisiana and is a lifelong resident of the River Parishes. Joe graduated from Litcher High School and served in the U.S. Army where he was honorably discharged before obtaining his B.S. Degree and J.D. in 1965 from Louisiana State University. He served in the Louisiana State House of Representatives beginning in 1972 where he was chairman of various house committees. Joe retired from service in the Louisiana House of Representatives in January of 1996. He was a managing partner in the Law Firm of Accardo, Edrington & Golden until 1998 when he accepted a position as in house counsel for the Port of South Louisiana. He was eventually appointed Executive Director of the Port where he is serving the remainder of his appointment.



Diana Bajoie
State Senator, Louisiana

In 1991, Diana Bajoie was elected State Senator of District 5. Before joining the Louisiana State Senate, Senator Bajoie served as State Representative from 1976 to 1991 and as an Adult Educator. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Southern University. Senator Bajoie has been assigned to the following committees: Finance, Health & Welfare, Interim Member of the Local & Municipal Affairs Committee, Disaster Planning, Crisis Management, Recovery & Long-term Revitalization, Executive Committee, Women & Children, and the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.



John M. Barry
Distinguished Visiting Scholar

John M. Barry is the author of four previous works of history, including the highly acclaimed *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927*. He is a Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the Center for Bioenvironmental Research of Tulane and Xavier universities.



Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor, Louisiana

On January 12, 2004, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco became the first woman to serve as Governor of Louisiana. Before serving in the state's top office, Governor Blanco completed two terms as Lieutenant Governor. As the state's second-highest official, she supervised the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. Under her leadership, tourism in Louisiana increased by 41 percent. This growth led to a \$2.5 billion increase in the tourism industry's economic contribution to the state and the creation of 121,000 new tourism-related jobs. First elected lieutenant governor in 1995, Governor Blanco was overwhelmingly re-elected to her second term in 1999, winning 80 percent of the vote. Governor Blanco began her career as a public servant in 1984, when she became the first woman ever elected to represent the people of Lafayette in the state Legislature. Five years later she was elected to the Public Service Commission, where she became the first woman to serve as a Commissioner and, later, as the first woman to chair the Commission (1993-94). Before joining the public sector, Governor Blanco taught at Breaux Bridge High School, a public school in Southwest Louisiana, not far from the community of Coteau, where she was born. She received a B.S. degree in Business Education from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.



Johnny B. Bradberry
Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, Louisiana

Mr. Bradberry was appointed Secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development by Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco on April 1, 2004. Prior to his appointment, Bradberry's professional career spanned almost 27 years in the oil and gas industry with ConocoPhillips Company of Houston, Texas. His industrial experience includes having served as a senior oil and gas manager, both domestic and international, in the exploration and production areas. Other positions held at ConocoPhillips included: Director of Engineering Recruiting, North American Operations Coordinator, Division Engineering Manager, Manager of Business Development, Asset Manager/Acting Vice President of Operations for Dubai Petroleum Company (Dubai, United Arab Emirates), and Gulf Coast Asset Manager and Extraction Manager.

Frances Campbell
Executive Director of the East Jefferson Levee District

Fran Campbell serves as the Executive Director of the East Jefferson Levee District which maintains and operates the flood protection levee system around the east bank portion of Jefferson Parish to protect the citizens of East Jefferson from tidal flooding of Lake Ponchartrain and the Mississippi River.

Rene Cross
Board Member, Louisiana Recovery Authority

Rene Cross was born and raised in New Iberia, Louisiana. At the age of 24, Cross was hired as a general superintendent of H&B Construction in charge of levee and flood control projects. He then moved to Plaquemines parish, where he resides to this day. While with H&B Construction, he oversaw the construction of some 125 miles of main line Mississippi River levee and over 100 miles of hurricane protection levee. In 1986, he started Rene Cross Construction, Inc. The company has master service agreements with most of the major and independent oil companies in Louisiana. In 1994, he and a partner started Cypress Cove Marina, Inc. in Venice, Louisiana. To date the marina is a \$14 million investment in the tourism and recreational hunting and fishing industries in Plaquemines parish.

Mark Ford, Ph.D
Deputy Director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana

Mark Ford serves as the Deputy Director of the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana which was incorporated to address and advocate for the restoration and preservation of the only great delta ecosystem in North America -- the Mississippi River Delta. The goal of the Coalition is to reverse the pattern of net land loss in coastal Louisiana and to re-establish sustainable balance to its geologic processes and communities.

Sherwood Gagliano, Ph.D
President of Coastal Environments

Sherwood Gagliano is the President of Coastal Environments which is a Baton Rouge-based company, that provides environmental services in the areas of applied science, planning and cultural resources since 1972. Dr. Sherwood Gagliano has a plan to build the coast and help to save New Orleans from future storms. He was featured in a Wall Street Journal story and detailed how he wants to divert one-third of the river's water by cutting a 105-mile channel from Donaldsonville to the Gulf of Mexico. The channel would create new coastal wetlands in the gulf, the 68-year-old geologist believes. Gagliano's plan is included in the state's federal funding request for wetlands restoration.



Dudley A. "Butch" Gautreaux
State Senator, Louisiana

Dudley A. "Butch" Gautreaux was elected to the Louisiana State Senate in 2000. As State Senator for District 21, he serves on the following committees: Agriculture, Forestry, Aquaculture, and Rural Development, Finance, Natural Resources, Retirement, Transportation, Highways, & Public Works Committee, Coastal Restoration and Flood Control, Consumer Affairs and Technology, Disaster Planning, Crisis Management, Recovery and Long Term Revitalization Committee, Homeland Security and Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget.

Frank A. Glaviano, Sr.
Vice President, Production Americas, Shell Energy Resource Company

Frank Glaviano joined Shell in 1976 after graduating from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering, as well as an MBA. Frank began his career as a production engineer working several major Gulf of Mexico assets and was involved in developing some of Shell's first sour production in the area. Glaviano held various engineering and operations managerial positions at Shell in Houston, New Orleans and Traverse City, Michigan, including development engineer manager, offshore ventures manager and shelf asset manager. In Glaviano's previous assignment as the Gulf of Mexico east asset manager, he was responsible for operations of the Mars, Ursa and Ram-Powell tension leg platforms.



Cynthia Hedge-Morrell
Vice President of the New Orleans City Council

Cynthia Hedge-Morrell serves as a New Orleans City Councilwoman of District D and is Vice President of the Council. She was elected in April 2005 and was appointed to the following committees: Election Code and Reapportionment Committee, Education Committee, and Youth Recreation Committee. Before her work as Councilwoman of District D, in 1998, Mrs. Morrell was appointed by the Superintendent of Public Schools as Special Assistant to the Superintendent for Governmental Affairs. She developed the first published Legislative Agenda for the school district for local, state and federal issues.



William Jennings Jefferson
United States Congressman, Louisiana

U.S. Representative William Jennings Jefferson is now serving his eighth term. Representing the 2nd District of Louisiana since 1991, he is the first African-American to be elected to Congress in Louisiana since Reconstruction. Jefferson is an active and senior member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee and its Subcommittee on Trade. A lifelong resident of Louisiana, Congressman Jefferson is a graduate of Southern University A&M College and of Harvard University Law School. In February of 1996, Jefferson received his Master of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University, making him only the second Member of Congress to do so while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives.



John Kelly
Chairman of the Board, Pan-American Life Insurance Company

Mr. Kelly, a member of the Pan-American Life board since 1994, serves as a Director of the Whitney National Bank, the Pan-American Life Insurance Company, the World Trade Center, and, formerly, was a Founding Director for the National D-Day Museum. He is a past chairman of the L.S.U. Advanced Microstructures and Devices Foundation (CAMD), the National Security Industrial Association, Amphibious Warfare Committee, and the U.S. Navy League Industrial Executive Board. He also served as the head of the Southern USA Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums. Mr. Kelly is also actively involved in New Orleans civic and Mardi Gras organizations, as well as local and state economic development activities. Mr. Kelly has published several articles on national defense and industrial issues. Mr. Kelly's career has involved the development and management of complex business enterprises. He was President of Bell Aerospace Textron (formerly Bell Aircraft), where he led an organization involved in Liquid Rocket Propulsion, Lasers and Advanced Electronic Systems. He was named President of Textron Marine Systems Division based in New Orleans, Louisiana in 1986, an organization he had led since 1973. Textron Marine and Land Systems is the United States industry leader in the development and production of the Landing Craft Air Cushion for the U.S. Marine Corps and for the U.S. Coast Guard's innovative 47-foot motor lifeboat. The organization is recognized for numerous technical innovations that serves customers in seventeen countries. Mr. Kelly retired from Textron Marine and Land Systems in 1998. Mr. Kelly received a BSME degree from the University of Notre Dame and an MBA from St. John's University. He also served as a Captain in the United States Air Force.



Mary L. Landrieu
United States Senator, Louisiana

U.S. Senator Mary L. Landrieu has been referred to as "one of the Senate's foremost leaders on education" by her colleagues in the Senate. One Louisiana publication dubbed her "Military Mary" for her dedication to our armed services and her knowledge of defense issues. She has become a national voice on the importance of strengthening families through foster care and adoption. She is the state's senior senator, and a fiscal leader for the nation as a member of the powerful Senate Appropriations Committee. As a member of the Senate Energy Committee, Landrieu has been an effective and tireless advocate for saving Louisiana's vanishing coastline and wetlands, demanding Louisiana's fair share of offshore oil and gas proceeds to stop the erosion and investing in Louisiana's future. Senator Landrieu's roots run deep in Louisiana. She was born into a family with a long history of public service and commitment to community, and married into a family with those same values. When friends and family began urging her to run for office at the age of 23, Landrieu realized it was time to put those values to use in public service. Landrieu ran for a seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1979, becoming the youngest woman ever elected to the state Legislature. Her work in the House earned her a reputation as a tenacious fighter for children and families, while being thoughtful and fair-minded. Eight years later, she successfully ran for Louisiana State Treasurer, and spent two terms finding innovative solutions for the state's fiscal problems, including establishing responsible debt limitations and improving investments for educational initiatives. In 1996, she was approached about running for an open Senate seat and realized the time was right to bring her Louisiana values and local experience to the United States Senate. With her swearing in on January 7, 1997, Mary Landrieu became the first woman from Louisiana elected to a full term in the Senate. She was re-elected in 2002.



Walter J. Leger, Jr.
Board Member, Louisiana Recovery Authority

Walter J. Leger, Jr. of Arabi is a lawyer, businessman, and civic leader. In 2000, Leger served as Chairman of the Board of the New Orleans Regional Chamber of Commerce. He previously served as Chairman of the St. Bernard Chamber Council. From 1998 to 1999, he served as co-Chairman of the Metrovision Economic Development Partnership. Leger is a partner in the law firm of Leger & Mestayer. Leger is a graduate of Louisiana State University and Tulane School of Law. Leger has a special interest in improving education and serves as a member of LSU's College of Arts and Sciences Advisory Board, and is on the Board of Directors of the Foundations of the LSU Health Science Center, Delgado Community College, and Nunez Community College. He also is a Board Member of the University New Orleans Business Alliance, the World Trade Center, and Chalmette Medical Center. Leger is a member of the Tulane Cancer Center Advisory Council and LSU's Stanley S. Scott Cancer Center Board, and the Directors' Council of the Louisiana Cancer Research Consortium.

David Lienhart
Engineering Geologist

David serves as a consulting geologist with a specialty in evaluating stone for use in coastal defense. He is retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.



Ira Levy
Executive Vice President of DMJM Harris

Mr. Levy provides the strategic outlook and direction for DMJM Harris and AECOM, its parent company. He brings focus to project execution, from concept to implementation, and offers clients a regulatory and geopolitical perspective. Mr. Levy assists clients with project definition, in reaching consensus among stakeholders, and identifying funding and alternative delivery methods, with a special emphasis on large-scale, public works projects with regional and national impacts. He has directed signature projects such as the World Trade Center Reconstruction, the New York City Second Avenue Subway, and Puerto Rico's Tren Urbano System. He is presently orchestrating the firm's contribution to the Gulf Coast Restoration efforts.



Calvin Mackie, Ph.D
Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Tulane University/Board Member, Louisiana Recovery Authority

In 1992, Dr. Calvin Mackie co-founded Channel ZerO, an educational and motivational consulting company. He has been active on the public speaking circuit for over ten years giving motivational presentations to numerous educational, civic and corporate institutions. He is also a tenured associate professor of mechanical engineering at Tulane University, specializing in heat transfer and fluid dynamics. After graduating from high school in New Orleans, Mackie earned a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree from Georgia Tech and a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from Morehouse College. He has a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech. In March 1996, he was conferred the Doctor of Philosophy degree in Mechanical Engineering. Mackie is an active member of the National Speaker Association, the 100 Black Men of Metro New Orleans, and a board member of New Orleans Computer Access Program (NOCAP); a nonprofit organization that places computers in the homes of New Orleans Public School first graders.



Reverend William F. Maestri
Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of New Orleans

Presently serving as the Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of New Orleans, Father Maestri was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese in 1977. He attended St. Joseph's Seminary College and completed his studies for the priesthood at Notre Dame Seminary. He also earned a master's degree in philosophy from Tulane University. He has been a professor of law, with a concentration in the life issues and ethics and policy, at Loyola University of New Orleans, Tulane University and Pepperdine University. Father Maestri has written numerous books, including "Portraits of Extraordinary Women." He has written on topics related to politics, Catholic social teaching, and issues of religion and public life.

Oneil Malbrough, Jr., Ph.D
President of Shaw Coastal, Inc.

O'Neil Malbrough, President of Shaw Coastal, is an expert in water related engineering with over 25 years of experience. Malbrough's academic credentials include a B.S. in Engineering from Nicholls State University, a Masters of Science in Environmental Engineering from Tulane University and completion of his coursework for his Ph.D in Environmental Engineering at Tulane University. Malbrough is active in several Louisiana coastal projects such as: Wine Island Restoration Project, Lake Boudreaux Watershed Projects, Isle Dernieres Restoration Project, Bayou Lacache Marsh Management Project, Jefferson Parish Comprehensive Coastal Wetland Plan, Barrier Island Feasibility Study, and the Chacahoula Basin Watershed Project.

Michael F. Nicoladis

Senior Vice President, N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers

After graduating from Vanderbilt and Duke Universities, Mr. Nicoladis joined N-Y Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers, Architects and Planners in 1984. He is currently Senior Vice President of N-Y and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of American Military Engineers, the American Council of Engineering Companies and the American Public Works Association. Mr. Nicoladis resides in Metairie, Louisiana.



Charlotte Randolph

Parish President of LaFourche Parish, Louisiana

Charlotte Randolph is the owner of Randolph Publications Public Relations and Advertising Company. Before her tenure as LaFourche Parish president, Randolph worked for the Lafourche Gazette. She began working with the publication in 1972 as a layout artist. Later, Parish President Randolph was appointed editor in 1985. As Parish President of LaFourche Parish, Charlotte Randolph is a member of P.A.C.E., which is Parishes Against Coastal Erosion. The primary mission of P.A.C.E is to protect the coastline and wetlands from erosion, sustain a coastal ecosystem, which supports and protects the environment, the people against hurricane winds and tidal surges. Parish President Randolph is the proud graduate of Nicholls State University.

Henry "Junior" Rodriguez

Parish President of St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana

Henry "Junior" Rodriguez serves as Parish President of St. Bernard Parish. As Parish President, Junior Rodriguez serves as a member of P.A.C.E., which is Parishes Against Coastal Erosion. One primary mission of P.A.C.E. is the protection of the coastline and wetlands from erosion and the general welfare of its constituents require that Parishes affected by wetlands losses unite in a partnership to preserve and restore the natural ecosystem threatened.



Benny Rouselle

Parish President of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana

Benny Rouselle Parish President of Plaquemines Parish and President of P.A.C.E., which is Parishes Against Coastal Erosion. Parish President Rouselle hopes that through P.A.C.E, citizens of Louisiana can unite and organize the affected parishes to assist their efforts to raise the important issues of the loss of coastal marshes to Federal and State agencies, alert their citizens to the need to be informed and speak out on the issue, and assist in crafting innovative restoration alternatives.



Norma Jane Sabiston

Vice President of Marmillion + Company

Norma Jane Sabiston is Vice President of Marmillion + Company, a strategic communications firm, which works with the America's WETLAND program. America's WETLAND is an initiative to raise public awareness of the impact of Louisiana's wetland loss and increase support for the effort to conserve and save coastal Louisiana. Sabiston is a New Orleans native and recently served as Senator Landrieu's Chief of Staff for ten years. Before joining Landrieu's Washington office in 1997, Sabiston was manager for Landrieu's 1996 Senate campaign, a field representative for Congressman Billy Tauzin, State Director for Senator John Breaux, and manager for Breaux's 1992 senate re-election campaign. Sabiston has a B.A. in liberal arts from the University of New Orleans.

Andrew Stirling

Acting Chief of Staff to Chairman Donald Powell

Mr. Stirling currently serves as the Chief of Staff for the Office of Gulf Coast Rebuilding in the Department of Homeland Security. In this capacity, he is helping develop a long-term rebuilding plan for the Gulf Coast region in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and working with the Federal Coordinator to align federal efforts and help state and local officials reach consensus on their vision for the region. Mr. Stirling has fifteen years of experience at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Working in the Office of Chairman Powell, he helped create the Corporate Affairs Board and oversee the Offices of Legislative and Public Affairs. He worked with Chairman Powell to promote and implement numerous changes through the FDIC in response to President Bush's Management Agenda for Government. The focus of his work was simplifying, reforming and providing incentives in an effort to build a highly functioning model of government service at FDIC.

Marcia St. Martin

Executive Director of New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board

Marcia serves as Executive Director of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, and works closely with Mayor Ray Nagin of New Orleans. Once formally organized in 1899, the Sewerage and Water Board set out to fulfill its goals of providing the city with adequate drainage, sewerage collection, and drinking water. Between 1879 and 1915, \$27,500,000 was spent on the construction of water, sewerage, and drainage facilities. At that time, funds for construction came from either a special two-mill tax on all property or one-half of the surplus from the one per-cent debt tax. Today, the Board gets funding in part from sources which include that three-, six-, and nine-mill property taxes.



Oliver Thomas

President of New Orleans City Council

Mr. Thomas began his career in public service in 1986, serving as a Legislative Aide to then District B Council member Jim Singleton. In 1990, he joined the Downtown Development District as Capital Projects Manager. Prior to his election, he served in management for the Southeast Louisiana Region of the C.J. Brown Property Management Company, Inc. In 1994, Mr. Thomas was elected Council member for District B. Reelected in 1998, he is currently serving his second term. Mr. Thomas has served on the boards of numerous organizations, including the Dryades YMCA, Bridge House, Each One Save One, Kingsley House, Volunteers of America, and Touro Infirmary. He has been a member of the Adoption 2000 Initiative Task Force, the YMCA Educational Services Board of Managers, and the Junior League Advisory Board. In addition, he is past president of the New Orleans Home Mortgage Authority and past Vice-President of the Senior Companion Program for the Council on Aging. For his civic and community efforts, Councilmember Thomas has received numerous honors, including the Legislator of the Year Award from the Alliance for Good Government, and the Jefferson Award for Community Service from WDSU-TV. Mr. Thomas is a graduate of Joseph S. Clark High School. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from the College of Santa Fe, and is a Fellow of the Loyola University Institute of Politics.



Jenneke Visser, Ph.D

Assistant Research Professor of LSU Coastal Ecology Institute

Dr. Jenneke Visser serves as the Assistant Research Professor of Louisiana State University Coastal Ecology Institute. Her research interests include Wetland Restoration Ecology, analysis of long term trends in plant species composition and biomass as related to changes in climate, physical environment, grazing, wildlife habitat use and population trends, and interaction between vegetation and its environment. In 2003, Dr. Visser was awarded the Coastal Stewardship Award. She received her master's degree in Biology from the University of Amsterdam and Ph.D. in Marine Sciences from Louisiana State University.



David Vitter

United States Senator, Louisiana

In the Senate, David serves on the Committees on Commerce, Science and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. Working on these committees allows David to focus on jobs, infrastructure, and economic development for every region of the state. He's been particularly focused on lowering prescription drug prices, saving our coast, and preserving and improving Social Security for future generations. Prior to his election to the Senate, David represented the First Congressional District of Louisiana from 1999 - 2004. During that tenure, he authored and passed legislation establishing a prescription drug program for military retirees, advancing missile defense, and cleaning up Lake Pontchartrain. For his work in Congress, David has received numerous awards from leading organizations such as Americans for Tax Reform, the 60 + Association, and the Family Research Council.

David Waggoner, III

President, Waggoner and Ball Architects

David serves as the President of Waggoner and Ball Architects in New Orleans, Louisiana. He earned a Master's Degree of Architecture from Yale University and his undergraduate degree from Duke University. David is nationally and internationally recognized for his expertise in governmental and institutional planning and design.